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# AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

#### CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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